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THE DINGLEY BILL OUTWITTED

One Well-Known Firm in Town Obtained an Inking of What Was Going to Happen and Laid Its Plans Accordingly.

A salesman for a large New York carpet house was trying to persuade a customer on Mr. Mayer when the news came that the Dingley bill was passed.

"No indeed," Mr. Mayer was saying, "we are not buying carpets today."

"We had a proposition that a tremendous duty would be tacked onto carpets, so we quietly laid in a stock that will last us many a long day," and the assistant merchant smiled a benevolent smile, as he thought how the good people of Washington would still be able to buy their carpets at the same low prices at the great discount store and annex, 415 and 417 Seventh street.

"I want you to tell everybody about some box carpets that we have to sell them," he announced, turning to the reporter.

"They are carpets that they have always paid \$10 for, and never been worth the money, for they are worth it; they are full size, upholstered in either brown or green, and we are going to sell them at \$5.50."

M'KINLEY'S SPECIAL AGENT

Commissioner Fishback in Cuba Acting for the Administration.

WILL VISIT OUR AGENCIES

An Investigation of the Eastern Provinces to Be Made—Cruel Orders Issued by Weyler Against Two Spanish Mayors—Arbitrary Arrests and Excessive Fines.

Havana, Aug. 22.—The news printed in The Times of Mr. Fishback's arrival in Havana, intrusted with a special mission from the Administration, is confirmed. Mr. Fishback will accompany General Lee upon a tour of inspection throughout the island. They will visit all the consulates and consular agencies of the United States in Cuba.

By this means Mr. Fishback will be able to study the real situation of the island in all the six provinces and report to the American Government the state of the war in Santa Clara, Puerto Principe and Santiago de Cuba, as well as in Havana and Pinar del Rio.

The most important matter for investigation is the situation in the eastern provinces, as the state of the war in Matanzas has already been personally studied by Gen. Lee. Up to this time all the American consular reports have confirmed the news previously sent to the American press. There is little doubt that this inquiry will also officially confirm information already published as to the situation in the east where the revolution is stronger than in the west, as is confessed by the Spanish government itself.

The report of the cruel orders of Weyler directed against the town of Las Esperanzas, where 8,000 inhabitants were doomed to starvation by the captain general, has had disagreeable results for the mayor of that town, D. Pedro Gonsalves. Weyler has fined him \$1,000 for having made public the communication that Gonsalves sent to the governor of Santa Clara, asking for the withdrawal of the captain-general's decree forbidding the sale of any sort of food to the inhabitants of Las Esperanzas.

The mayor of Santa Isabel de las Lajas, Santa Clara, who also has been fined \$1,000 by the captain general because he could not prevent a raid on the town by the insurgents.

The report comes from Cienfuegos of the arbitrary arrest in the town of Arriete of the stationmaster, Dr. Auguste Villares, and the well-known Dr. D. Emilio Varner. Without any known charge against them, they were sent manacled to Cienfuegos, and have been held incommunicado from August 16 until the present time.

STARS AND STRIPES FLYING.

Three Americans Hold Clipperton Island Against the British.

San Francisco, Aug. 24.—Paul J. Hendling, an employee of the Pacific Phosphate Company, says the American flag is flying on Clipperton Island. He has been living on the island with two other men, and they successfully resisted the attack of a British ship. Hendling says the ship was the H.M.S. Porpoise, and that the British were looking for guano. Hendling says the British were looking for guano, and that the Americans were looking for guano. Hendling says the British were looking for guano, and that the Americans were looking for guano.

Work of a Miscreant.

Columbus, Ohio, Aug. 24.—Some time last night a gunshot came through the window of the Republican State committee rooms, breaking the window glass. The bullet, strangely enough, struck a picture of Garfield on the wall, making a 38-caliber hole just below the ear.

Today is visiting day at St. Elizabeth's Insane Asylum. Take new electric line from Navy Yard Bridge via Capital Traction and Annapolis cars.

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WAR TO THE BITTER END

The Strike Conference Results in Nothing But Bad Feeling.

STATEMENTS OF BOTH SIDES

Neither Side Would Listen to the Other's Propositions—The Operators Making Preparations to Re-open Their Idle Mines With Non-Union Labor.

Pittsburg, Aug. 24.—The great coal strike will continue. The conference between coal operators and coal miners adjourned today without action. Both parties to the conference are further apart than before and the feeling that has been a tenuous makes it look like war to the bitter end. The operators are making preparations to reopen their idle mines with non-union men if they can get no others. The miners are preparing to resist the attempt.

This morning's session lasted only an hour, and after it was over representatives of both sides announced that it had been found impossible to come to an agreement, either on a compromise or on arbitration.

The conference began its session at 11 o'clock and by noon had adjourned sine die.

The operators had made several offers to the miners, the best being 61 1/2 cents a ton, but all were rejected. In return the miners had made these two propositions, which were rejected by the operators:

"To issue a call for conference of operators and miners' representatives of the respective States.

The miners to return to work at once at the 65-cent rate, until the price could be determined by arbitration, within thirty days, should the decision be for less than 65 cents, the miners to be charged with the difference between 65 cents and the award of the arbitrators, the difference to be deducted from their next pay."

The miners had also refused a proposition to arbitrate the wage question, the miners to go to work without a price being set, they to be paid at the rate agreed upon by the arbitrators.

President Roosevelt was asked why this offer was not accepted. He replied:

"Because it applied only to the Pittsburgh district. If we go into an arbitration of that kind we want the whole competitive field represented. If we would arbitrate the way I have just mentioned, we would be called upon to do it in other fields, and what we want is a settlement which will be general."

The operators' statement "For the public and the miners" was given out at 7 p. m. It first took the proceedings of yesterday and today's meeting, specifies the proposition made by operators and miners, the refusal of the operators to consent to a conference of operators' and miners' representatives from the competitive fields, and the refusal of the operators to accept the miners' arbitration treaty.

The statement continues: "The operators feel that, in making their propositions for settlement by conciliation or arbitration, they have exhausted every effort in trying to bring about a settlement with the officials. The proposition of Mr. Hatchford could not be accepted, because it means an advance of 27 1/2 cents per ton in the wage rate, and would entail heavy losses on the producers. The price at which coal contracts have been taken were enforced by the conditions ruling in the markets in open competition from other producing fields."

The statement continues with this serious charge:

"Mr. Hatchford openly claims that the miners of this district had more than their share of the coal trade, and that some of it was being taken from them. He claimed that the miners had more of the coal trade than they were entitled to, and that they would not be permitted to retain it. In view of the fact that Mr. Hatchford lives in Columbus, which is the home of the Hocking Valley operators, and they are the largest competitors of the Pittsburgh operators for lake tonnage, the position taken by Mr. Hatchford is startling. This in view of the fact that the Hocking Valley operators as stated by one of their number, pay over \$100,000 annually to the miners' organization. Mr. Hatchford says: 'The operators and miners of this district have more business than they are entitled to, and we are now arranging to take it from them.'"

In reply to this, Mr. Hatchford said: "It is charged that my proposition means an advance of 27 1/2 cents per ton in the wage rate. I admit that my offer to arbitrate contemplated that the miners return to work at 65 cents, but stipulated that the operators should retain any amount over the rate awarded by the arbitrators. It is not true that I said the miners and operators of this district had more than their share of the coal trade."

"In the discussion at the conference Mr. Zerbe, the chairman, said the Pittsburgh district was entitled to all of the lake trade. I replied: I do not know what percentage of the lake trade this district is entitled to. I know that from 1893 to 1896 you have increased your percentage of the lake trade from 48 to 72 per cent. Mr. Zerbe says you are entitled to all of the lake trade. I deny that proposition."

"That," concluded Mr. Hatchford, "is all I said."

MR. M'KINLEY IN BUFFALO

Cheered by 100,000 People on His Way to the Hotel.

FORCED TO MAKE A SPEECH

Four Hundred Banqueters Assemble at the Ellicott Club, Most of Them Notable Persons—The President Responds to the Toast 'The Nation and Its Defenders.'

Buffalo, N. Y., Aug. 24.—President McKinley was tonight the guest of Columbia Post, of Chicago, at a banquet attended by all the distinguished officers of the G. A. R.

When the Presidential party arrived at 3 o'clock this afternoon the route from the station to the hotel was lined with a hundred thousand people. The President and Mrs. McKinley, Commander-in-Chief Clarkson and A. F. Secor, of Buffalo, rode in a carriage behind twenty-five mounted police, and a large force of infantry. The crowd was so persistent that the President was obliged to make a speech, as he had to do at Utica and Syracuse on his way west.

The journey down town again was a scene of indescribable enthusiasm. Columbus Post acted as his escort, and as he stepped from his carriage to the sidewalk, cannon boomed and 50,000 voices joined in a great cheer.

Four hundred banqueters assembled in the Ellicott Club. Most of them notable persons—The President responded to the toast "The Nation and Its Defenders."

Gov. R. A. Alger, ex-postmaster general of New York, and Governor Finck, of Michigan.

Gov. Hancock addressed the welcome to the G. A. R. on behalf of the State, and he was followed by Mayor Jewett, who spoke for the city of Buffalo. Then the President spoke. His theme was "The Nation and Its Defenders."

President McKinley said: "I wish I might frame fitting words to make a suitable response to the more than gracious welcome which you have accorded me here tonight. I commit the record of our country to the future. I have been a part of the revolution, to the late civil war, the men followed that flag in battle, because they loved that flag and believed in what it represented."

"That was the staff of which the volunteer army of 1861 was made of. Every one of them not only fought, but they thought and many of them did their own thinking and did not agree with their commander. Remember that young soldier who in the late war, upon the battle line, ahead with the color guard bearing the Stars and Stripes way in front of the line, but the enemy still in front of him. The general called out to the color bearer, 'Bring those colors back to the line,' and quicker than any bullet that young soldier answered back, 'Bring the line up to the colors.'"

"More than 2,000,000 brave men made up an army grander than any army that ever shook the earth with its tread and engaged in a holier cause than ever engaged soldiers before. What defenders, my countrymen, have we now? We have the remnants of that old, magnificent, matchless army of which I have been speaking, and, as allies, in any future war, we have the brave men who fought against us on Southern battlefields. The army of Grant and the army of Lee are together. They are one now in faith, in hope, in fraternity, in purpose, and in an invincible patriotism. And therefore the country is in no danger. In justice strong, in peace secure, and in devotion to the flag all one."

From the banquet the President went to a camp fire, at which he spoke, in part, as follows:

"It has been thirty-six years since the



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Secretary of War Pilots the President's Train Into Syracuse.

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HARD FIGHTING IN INDIA

The Tribesmen Capture Forts Ali-Musjid and Maude.

TROOPS AT QUETTA WARNED

Sedition Has Now Reached the Southernmost Part of the Frontier—Three of the Principal Chiefs of Baluchistan Arrested for Attempting to Pervert the Natives.

Bombay, Aug. 24.—Up to a late hour tonight reliable news from the frontier had not been received. Reports from Peshawar indicate that there has been severe fighting in Khyber Pass, and that the garrison of Fort Ali-Musjid, a few miles west of Jamrud, are stubbornly resisting overwhelming odds. An unconfirmed report says that the garrison made a sortie, in which they lost 300 killed, after which they abandoned the fort and started for Lowrag. The troops at Quetta have been warned to hold themselves in readiness for hostilities at the shortest notice.

Advices from the scene of conflict say that Fort Sada, in the Kurram Valley, was attacked by the rebels after the preliminary fighting reported in this morning's dispatches, but the invaders were repulsed by the garrison. The subjugation of the Swati tribesmen is now complete.

A dispatch from Quetta, Baluchistan, says: "Sedition has now reached this southernmost point of the frontier. Three of the principal chiefs of Baluchistan arrived in this city and were found attempting to pervert the natives. They were arrested. Their arrest caused a great sensation among the Mohammedans, one of the chiefs being Ghous Baluch, son-in-law of Sir Arad Khan, the most loyal chief in Baluchistan."

A dispatch from Peshawar says: "A relief column at the mouth of Khyber Pass shelled the enemy at a distance of 3,200 yards. The enemy retired. Fort Maude was seen to be in flames. The garrison of the fort withdrew under cover of artillery."

After the fighting occurred yesterday, the Afridi tribesmen retired to the hills above Khyber Pass, where they were virtually safe from pursuit by the British troops. Today everything was quiet, and the Afridis sent a delegation to Gen. Westmacott to suggest conditions which, being accepted, they would return to their homes. These conditions provided for the withdrawal of the British from Swat Valley and the Samana Mountains, the surrender of all the Afridi women on the Indian side of the frontier and a revision of the salt regulations. The fact of the Afridis proposing terms is regarded as showing the most sublime audacity on their part and as an evidence that they do not appreciate the gravity of their offense in the eyes of the Indian government.

The government will undoubtedly pursue its operations until the power of the Afridis as the leading clan on the Peshawar frontier is completely broken. The fate of Fort Ali-Musjid has not yet been definitely learned. It was reported here today that the whole garrison of 300 Sepoys had been massacred and all the arms and ammunition in the place seized. The report adds that the tribesmen then marched to Lowrag to attack the British there.

FALL OF FORT MAUDE.

Afridis Capture and Burn a Fighting Center in the Khyber Pass.

London, Aug. 24.—An official dispatch from Simla announces that Fort Maude, in the Khyber Pass, has been captured by the Afridis.

Thearrison, which was composed of native levies, known as the Khyber Rifles, retired with the loss of three men.

Simla, Aug. 24.—Later details of the capture of Fort Maude by the insurgent tribesmen show that the garrison of that place retired at 10:30 p. m. yesterday, and that the fort was burned a half hour later. The garrison reached Col. Westmacott's relief column, coming from Kohat, at 11:30 p. m. At the same time that Fort Maude was abandoned the Khyber Rifles, garrisoning Fort Jowangera, were compelled to abandon that place. The area of the active fighting is enlarging rapidly.

BLEW HIS BRAINS OUT.

An Armenian Prefers Death to Arrest by a Turk.

Constantinople, Aug. 24.—While a policeman was patrolling his post in Pera today he was assailed by two Armenians, one of whom charged at him with a revolver and fired at him. The bullet went wide of its mark, and the policeman knocked his would-be assassin down and secured him. The other Armenian avoided arrest by blowing his brains out.

Another Armenian was arrested in Ottomani Bank today, it being suspected that he was preparing another dynamite outrage.

Tazewell Has Recovered His Family.

Matthews, N. J., Aug. 24.—The case of John Tazewell, of Mill Brook, against Brother Gilbert, of the Brothers of Nazareth, has been dropped. Mr. Tazewell and family are reunited in Brooklyn and Brother Gilbert is exonerated from the charge of abducting the family.

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